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SUBJECT: NO ANTI-PIRACY CONTACT GROUP DECISION UNTIL 2009

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[1](#)B. CANBERRA 1267

[1](#)1. (SBU) On December 19, Lee Kerr, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), United Nations and Commonwealth Section, told poloff that the GOA will not make a decision on either participation in a Contact Group or on any request for resources to combat Somali piracy until early 2009. DFAT will request that their Embassy in Washington inform the Department that they will not have a decision by the December deadline.

[1](#)2. (U) Responsibility for this issue has moved from the Africa Section to United Nations and Commonwealth Section of DFAT.

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